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CONDITIONS IN THE BRITISH MISSION

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FORMERLY PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH MISSION

I SENSE very keenly, my brethren and sisters and friends, the responsibility that is upon me in occupying this position, and I most humbly desire that the Spirit of the Lord will be with me in the remarks that I may make this afternoon.

I have enjoyed my mission very much indeed. In fact, it has been the best time of my life. The privilege of being in the British Mission with my family, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to that great nation, has been a great blessing. I am glad, of course, to return home to my loved ones and to continue working in the Church. It is my desire that as long as I live I shall be found faithfully working in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, because there has come to me, not only during the time of this mission but throughout my lifetime, an abiding testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel as preached and taught by the leaders and members of this Church.

During the three years that I have been away I have enjoyed the very best of health. I have not been sick one minute during the whole of the time. It has been my privilege to hold ninety-one district conferences while I was there, and to attend ninety-one conferences. So I feel very grateful indeed for this privilege and for the blessings which the Lord gave unto me.

The British Mission is progressing slowly but surely, and all of those who come into the Church are men and women who are converted to the truth, converted to the fact that the principles of life and salvation are taught and practiced in this Church.

The Elders throughout the mission are doing the very best that they understand, and they are a fine group of young men. I have never in all my life laboured with so many splendid young men as I met during the period of my presidency in the British Mission. These young men come into the mission field—you might term them young boys—and when the Spirit of God takes hold of them and they study the Scriptures as they do, and they begin to preach to the people the truths contained therein, they become men. How my heart has rejoiced time and time again as I have listened to them bear their testimony, proclaiming to the world that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored to the earth with all its keys, blessings and privileges, that were enjoyed at the time when our Master was upon the earth.

This has been an added testimony to me of the truthfulness of this work, seeing how the Spirit of God can mould these young men, and no matter what opposition they may meet, no matter with whom they come in contact, they are always willing and desirous of bearing their testimony concerning these things. They are doing a very good work in the matter of getting tracts among the people, not considering the tracts as just a piece of paper, but as the written word of God, containing truths that will lead to everlasting life. They go to the doors of men and women in this spirit, believing whole-heartedly that they are conveying to them a message worthy of their consideration. They do not look upon the selling of pamphlets as a money-making proposition, or as the selling of books, but of placing in the hands of the people something that will give them more fully the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are taking to these people these books in the hope that they will read them and get a deeper insight into the teachings of the Church.

#### BOOK OF MORMON GREATEST MISSIONARY

The Book of Mormon is the greatest missionary in all the world, and we have tried in every way possible to distribute it among the people of that land. Every time that I went to meet the Elders when they came from this land and landed at Plymouth, Southampton, or Liverpool, as the case might be, I took with me one or more copies of the Book of Mormon, and it has been my privilege on those trips to place one or more copies of that book in the hands of people, some of whom were government officials.

I love the teachings of the Book of Mormon. I love the book itself, because I know that it is very good, I know that it is true. I have an abiding testimony of its truthfulness. I gained a testimony of this book when I was a young man in school. Shortly after Joseph F. Smith became the President of the Church, he came over to the Latter-day Saints' University, and in talking to the Book of Mormon class he told them of the promise made by Moroni, that if we would read the book with a prayerful heart

we would gain a knowledge of its truthfulness; and I remember as if it were yesterday that he said to the members of the class: "If you will take these words of Moroni to heart, I promise you as the President of this Church that you will gain a testimony as to the truthfulness of this book."

I believed in the words of the prophet of God, and I read the Book of Mormon as I had never read it before, with a prayerful heart, praying that God would open unto me, a young man, the truths of that book, and when I finished it, with the thought in mind that I had read it the best I possibly could, there came to me a testimony of its truthfulness. I have never from that day to this had one doubt concerning the truthfulness of that book. I believe more strongly to-day than I ever did before in its truthfulness.

As I stood upon the Hill Cumorah with my wife and family, there came a testimony to us all greater than we had had before that this book is true, and then I rejoiced once more that I had distributed a considerable number of copies of the Book of Mormon among the people in the land of Great Britain. I know that if men and women will read it in the right way they too will gain the testimony that came to me concerning its truthfulness.

#### SPAULDING THEORY WITHOUT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

Many times our enemies have accused the Church of having copied that book from a manuscript written by Reverend Solomon Spaulding, and since his manuscript has been found and has been shown to be nothing like the Book of Mormon I have had men say to me, "There was another manuscript written, and that was the one that fell into the hands of Sidney Rigdon and Joseph Smith, and from which they copied the Book of Mormon." I have answered as I answer to-day, how simple it would be for them, holding that manuscript, to come forth and publish it to the world and show that the Book of Mormon did not come to us as Joseph Smith said that it came. They have not in their possession any such manuscript. They cannot produce it and the Book of Mormon still remains the word of God, a voice from this nation, declaring to the world that God lives and that Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of mankind, and that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the living God, for he could not and did not write of his own knowledge the Book of Mormon, but by the influence of the Spirit of God he did translate from the plates, which were given to him, this sacred record, and he did publish it to the world. I rejoice in the testimony of this book.

In our Priesthood work we are striving in the British Mission to have weekly Priesthood meetings, trying with all our hearts to get the men and boys who hold the Priesthood to meet once a week and make a study of the government of the Church, to make a study of the Priesthood, which is the power that makes this the Church of Jesus Christ. This Church has within it the

Priesthood of God. The keys of everlasting life are here. They have been conferred upon man directly from heaven, and these men have in turn conferred the keys upon others, thus the Priesthood of God and its keys are here in the Church to-day, with all the powers and the rights of binding the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the sealing of man and wife and family.

#### PAYS TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT WIDTSOE AND WIFE

We are trying to teach this principle, this truth to all who hold the Priesthood in the British Mission. A little book was published entitled *Studies in Priesthood*, written by President John A. Widtsoe. Let me say here that President and Sister Widtsoe are doing a wonderful work in the European Mission. I have never seen people who have been more unselfish in giving their time, in writing, in preaching, in traveling and doing good among men than these good people. President Widtsoe, busy as he is, took time to write this little book and to have it published that the Priesthood there might learn more concerning their duties, that they might understand the power of Priesthood; that they might understand its uses; that they might know the government of the Church from the presidency down to the office and activities of the deacon in the Priesthood of the Church.

Also in the Priesthood class an opportunity is given to the members to preach the Gospel to the class and to have questions asked of them. This is done so that the older and the younger men in the Church might have an opportunity of learning the Gospel and of preaching it and teaching it; that they might stand upon their feet, when called upon, in the hall or upon the street corner, and preach the Gospel and defend it, and tell the people why they are what is termed by the world "Mormons."

I believe, my brethren and sisters and friends, that it is a splendid thing to give the young men of the Church an opportunity to stand on their feet and tell why they belong to this Church, and I know through experience that young men when given responsibility respond to it. I have seen young men, boys about eighteen and nineteen years of age, respond to the responsibility of being in a branch presidency or carrying on in a Mutual or Sunday School, doing wonderful work, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, not only to those with whom they associate but to other people, and doing a great deal of good among their friends. The Priesthood of God is being recognized among them as the greatest thing that the Lord has given to His children. And it is, for it is the thing that makes the Gospel of Jesus Christ that power which leads us to eternal life. It gives us the right to baptize in His name for the remission of sins. It gives us the right to lay on hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. It gives to men the right to perform all of the ordinances pertaining to everlasting life.

In regard to the auxiliary work in the British Mission, we have attempted to organize in every branch a Relief Society, a Sunday School, and a Mutual Improvement Association, and are working hard to organize Primaries wherever it is possible to do so. These Primaries reach out and bring in many of the children of those who are not members of our Church, and just before we left to come home Sister Lund sent out little cards—you who are Primary workers know what I mean—to all the Primary children that they might take them home and invite the mothers and the fathers of these children to come and see what is being taught in this association—to come and see if good can come out of “Mormonism,” as it is termed by the world.

I know that good comes out of it. I know that the fruits are good. I have seen them there. I have seen branches organized because of a small beginning where three or four or five little children have been brought together. They have converted their parents, who have been baptized into the Church, and thus branches have been built up.

#### BRITISH MISSION KEEPING IN STEP

The British Mission is trying hard to keep in step with all things pertaining to the Church here at home, trying to follow their teachings; striving hard that the people over there, not only the members of the Church, but those who are not members of the Church, might understand the reason why we are in that land, why missionaries have been sent over there, and the purpose of opening up the mission in that great land.

As I stood in Preston and by the side of Vauxhall chapel my heart rejoiced when I realized what God had done when He sent Heber C. Kimball and those other wonderful Elders into that land to give unto the people the pearl of great price, to give unto them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When I thought of the trials and the tribulations that those men went through, the hardships and sorrows that came to them, I again rejoiced because through that tribulation and through that sorrow was built up the wonderful work that has taken place, not only in Great Britain but throughout all the European countries.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is needed by the world, by every person in it, and God knew what He was doing when He sent those men to that wonderful land. More than a hundred thousand people have joined the Church in the isles of Great Britain. Many have come here, many have died, and many are still there—a wonderful people, a people that have given their all for the testimony of the Gospel.

I could relate incident after incident of how boys and girls, men and women, have been turned out of their homes, have been disowned by their parents because of joining the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Nevertheless, they have been

happy, happy in the knowledge that God has given to them that this work is true; and so I again say that I rejoice greatly in the knowledge that God gave to those people in that land, that He sent His servants over there, and that during all of these years, from 1837 to the present time, Elders have been preaching and teaching and converting people in that land to the truthfulness of the message of Joseph Smith. I know that that man was called of God. I know that the Lord used him as an instrument in His hands to restore again the truth to the earth.

#### GOD ALWAYS SPEAKS THROUGH A PROPHET

We have sung this afternoon "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." We should thank God for a prophet. In reading through the history of the world we find that whenever God has spoken He has done so through a prophet; that He has called men to be His servants to restore and bring to the people the truths that would lead them back to Him.

To me there are two tests that must and should always be applied to any man who claims to be a prophet of God. And those tests are: Did the things which he prophesied come true, and are the doctrines which he advocated the same as the doctrines advocated by our Lord and Master? If these two tests are applied to Joseph Smith you will find they are true in every respect. He did prophesy. I have not time—for it would take hours—to go into the details of prophecy made by this wonderful man, showing to the world that he did prophesy, that he did make statements concerning the things that were to come to pass, and that they did come to pass literally even as he said. But the doctrines which he taught are they the doctrines of our Lord and Master?

For a few moments may I take time to point out in my humble way some of the things that have convinced me with my whole heart that Joseph Smith did teach the same doctrines as advocated by the Master.

When Christ was upon the earth He taught all those who would listen to Him that we are the children of God. He taught us that He prayed to His Father, that He could speak to Him and that His Father could hear and answer His prayers. The testimony was given by Him on more than one occasion of this fact, and He bore witness that the doctrine which He preached was not His, but was His Father's, and that if they would do the will of the Father they should know of the doctrine, proving conclusively to all those who heard Him preach that God could hear and answer prayers; that God gave the plan of salvation to His children, and that we are His children.

Joseph Smith brought forth the self-same doctrines. When he was a young man his mind was upon religion. He wondered which of the churches was right, so he asked God, and God

answered his prayer. In the most glorious vision ever given to man God the Eternal Father and Jesus Christ His Son stood before this boy in answer to his prayer and pointed out to him certain things pertaining to themselves and to the work that was about to be established in the earth. That boy testified that he saw the Father and the Son, that they were separate and distinct personages, and that they were in the likeness of man, or rather that man was in the likeness of God and of His Son.

#### THIS TRUTH ALONE STAMPS JOSEPH A GREAT PROPHET

This truth alone would stamp this man as a great prophet of God, because the world had gone away from that knowledge. They had lost the truth that God was a personal being, that we are His children, and that Jesus Christ is His Son. That truth was renewed and restored again by that young boy having faith in God. As I stood in the sacred grove I bowed my head in gratitude that the testimony of this truth had also been given to me, that this boy had brought to my soul the conviction that I am a Son of God, and that through faithfulness I may return unto Him.

When Christ was upon the earth He taught the need of faith in God His Father. He taught the need of having a living faith, a faith that leads to works, a faith of action. Joseph Smith taught the same thing, that we must have a living faith, a faith that leads us to do things, a faith that makes us obey the commandments of God.

Christ taught the need of repentance from sin. He endeavoured to teach the Pharisees and the lawyers and the Scribes the need of their turning away from their old traditions and accepting the truth which He brought to them.

Joseph Smith taught the same doctrine—the need of repentance, the need of turning away from the old traditions and philosophies of men and coming back to Jesus Christ, coming back to His teachings and to walk in His ways. He taught men the true manner of repentance, to forsake and be sorry for sin and never commit it again. That is the repentance that Christ taught. That is the repentance that the prophet of the latter days taught to all the world.

Jesus Christ taught the need of baptism. He Himself went down into the waters of baptism and was baptized by John the Baptist, he who was commissioned of God, for he said in answer to the Pharisees when they asked him, not concerning the law of baptism, but where he got his authority, "He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost." John was a servant of God and to him Christ submitted Himself for baptism and was baptized of him, pointing the way that all men must follow.

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EDITORIAL

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

THE Holy Spirit is the agent by which the will and power of God, a personal Being, may be transmitted throughout space. The Holy Spirit, variously called the Spirit of God, the Light of Christ, the Spirit of Truth, proceeds from the presence of God to fill the immensity of space. It is everywhere present and permeates all things. The phenomena of existence are but expressions of this divine medium.

The Lord is in communication with all His children and can touch their hearts everywhere by the Holy Spirit. It "enlighteneth every man through the world." Through its agency, enlightenment, direction, warning, reproof and approval come from the loving Father of humankind.

The phenomena of nature whether on earth or in stellar fields are manifestations of the Holy Spirit. The light from the sun, heat, electricity, thunder, lightning, the placidly flowing brook and the raging torrent, are expressions of divine will, by the operations of this holy, universe-filling substance.

The Holy Ghost, sometimes called the Comforter, is the third member of the Godhead, and is a personage, distinct from the Holy Spirit. Little has been revealed as yet concerning the Holy Ghost; but it is evident that His mission is to bear witness to men of the existence of God and the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and also to fill men with knowledge and power and to inspire them to works leading to happiness. "The Comforter beareth record of the Father and of the Son." The labours assigned to this member of the Godhead are high and holy, and necessary for man's eternal progress. It seems probable that His intelligence, power and knowledge are made manifest to men through the Holy Spirit.

The presence and power of the Holy Ghost are promised all who have faith in God, repent of their sins, are baptized for the remission of their sins, and have hands laid upon them by constituted authority in the Priesthood. The act of confirmation of the newly baptized person always includes the words "Receive the Holy Ghost." It is the baptism of fire, the great gift, the reward for obedience to the preparatory ordinances of the Gospel.

The gift of the Holy Ghost confers upon a person the right to receive, as he may desire and need, the presence, light and intelligence of the Holy Ghost. It gives as it were an official claim



upon the mighty assistance and comforting assurance of the Holy Ghost. When the servants of the Lord display a spiritual power beyond the command of man; when the grief-laden heart beats with joy; when failure is converted into victory, it is by the visitation of the Holy Ghost. It is the Spirit of God under the direction of the Holy Ghost that quickeneth all things.

The gift of the Holy Ghost remains inoperative unless a person leads a blameless life. Worthiness determines whether a person shall enjoy the privileges promised when the "gift" is conferred. It is useless to expect this high official assistance unless there is daily conformity to the laws of the Gospel. Faith and prayer, out of the heart and unceasing, will fit a person for the presence of the Holy Ghost, and to such a life He will respond in power.

Latter-day Saints have received, under the hands of those divinely empowered, this inexpressibly glorious "gift," which will lead them if they are fitted, into the companionship of the Holy Ghost, and win for them intelligence and power to win joy in life and exaltation in the world to come. Those who have been so blessed have not always understood the greatness of that which has been given them, or have not earnestly sought its help. So powerful a gift, with such boundless promise, justifies every attempt to cleanse body and soul. Certain it is, that only with the aid of the Holy Ghost shall we be able to rise to the heights of salvation of which we dream and for which we pray.—W.

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## METHOD OF FASTING

### THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

THE question has been asked as to whether or not it is expected that a person, when fasting, shall abstain from drinking water. In answer thereto, the following statement is made with the approval of the First Presidency:

"When fasting, members of the Church are advised to abstain from two meals each Fast Day and to contribute as a donation the amount saved thereby for the support of the worthy poor; also, by prayer in connection with fasting, to develop spiritual power. No direct instruction is given in the Doctrine and Covenants regarding abstaining from water while fasting. In the Bible there are three references in connection with fasting and abstaining from water. These are: Exodus 34:28 and Deuteronomy 9:9-18, where it states that Moses 'did neither eat bread nor drink water'; and Esther 4:16, where Esther asked the Jews to fast for her and to 'neither eat nor drink.'

"The spirit of fasting is the main thing to encourage. Too much stress should not be laid on technical details, but the self-denial of food, striving for spiritual strength, and donating for the benefit of the poor should be kept constantly in mind."

## CONDITIONS IN THE BRITISH MISSION

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Joseph Smith preached the same doctrine, taught time and time again that the only way that men may receive a remission of their sins is by being baptized in water, being immersed in water, by one having authority to perform this ordinance.

Jesus Christ Himself pointed out the need of having the Holy Ghost and that power given to men, for He told His Apostles to remain in Jerusalem until they were endowed with power from on high. You all know the story of how they received that power and what it meant to them, what kind of men it made of them, how fearless they were in the presence of kings, of rulers, or whoever it might be, in defending the truth and Jesus Christ as the Son of the living God.

### NEED OF THE HOLY GHOST

Joseph Smith taught the need of having the gift of the Holy Ghost. He pointed out that we must receive it as they did in olden days by the laying on of hands of those having authority. He pointed out the need of having this Holy Ghost as our companion, to guide us in the truth and in the way of righteousness.

Jesus Christ our Redeemer pointed out to mankind that we lived before we came upon this earth; that we were the children of God and were born and sent upon this earth for a purpose. And so also did this latter-day prophet of God reveal anew this truth to the world—that we lived before we came upon this earth. God, through His revelations to him, has pointed out clearly the purpose of life, the reason why we are here; and speaking through him has said that He placed us here that we might be tried, to see if we would keep His commandments; that He is mindful of His children because they are His sons and daughters; and that they were born and lived with Him before they came upon this earth. He loves all of them and wants them to come back into His presence. This truth is taught through the revelations given to Joseph Smith, renewing to the world that wonderful thought, that we are God's children and can go back to Him and live with Him forever and ever, if we are faithful to the covenants which we have made with Him.

How necessary it is, then, that all mankind be loyal to the covenants of God and to His commandments, that they keep them and walk in His ways and thus return to Him.

Jesus Christ taught the resurrection from the dead by rising from the dead and appearing to His Apostles and many others after His resurrection, giving to the world the knowledge that we shall live again and that we shall rise from the dead.

Joseph Smith the prophet of God taught this same doctrine, pointing out that all mankind will arise from the dead; that

every man shall stand before the judgment bar of God and receive the recompense or the penalty as the case may be for the good or the evil which he has done in the flesh. The resurrection as revealed through this prophet of God is as clear to me as can be. I know that we shall live again. We shall rise from the dead. We shall stand before our Father and receive the judgment from Him according to our deserts. What a wonderful thing it is and what a wonderful incentive also to know these things. It leads to a better life. It makes young men and older men and women keep more fully the commandments of God, because they know they shall meet Him and shall answer for the things they have done.

All these teachings and many more were taught by the Saviour to His disciples, those among whom He laboured. And so this prophet of God in these latter days taught them to his disciples, to all those among whom he laboured. Men may have power to raise the dead. Men may have power as the magicians had in the days of Moses to cast their staffs upon the earth and they turn into serpents. They may have this power and yet not be prophets of the living God. Men must be like Moses, having not only the power of turning a staff into a serpent, but the power of teaching men the way unto eternal life, the power of the Priesthood of God as he held it. That is the power men must have if they are prophets of the living God.

In conclusion, my brethren and sisters, I want to leave with you my testimony that I know as I know that I live that the President of the Church of Jesus Christ to-day is a prophet of the living God, holding the keys of everlasting life, holding the keys of the Priesthood of God, and he alone holds the keys of eternal life. I know that God lives, that Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of mankind, that this Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the Church of God, containing in it everlasting life, through Jesus Christ. Amen.—(Published in the *Deseret News*, March 26th, 1932.)

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### HULL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

A VERY splendid spirit prevailed during the annual Spring Conference of the Hull District which was held in the Empress Ball Room, Scunthorpe, April 10th. Many members and friends attended the interesting and instructive meetings, as well as the enjoyable social held the Saturday night previous.

Words of exhortation and instruction were given in the morning session to the Priesthood by President Douglas and Patriarch Wallis, while the sisters received instruction from Sister Douglas and Sister Wallis.

In the afternoon session, the large audience was entertained by a splendid pageant, presented by the younger members of the district. The title was, "The Added Witness," portraying the similitude between the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

The general authorities of the Church and Mission District Officers were presented and sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference. President Thomas A. Lambert was honourably released and Elder Dan L. Frodsham unanimously sustained as president of the Hull District.

President Lambert reported the condition of the district. He said the Hull District at the present time consisted of four fully organized active branches: Hull, Grimsby, Gainsboro and Sennthorpe. Within the district there are 4 Sunday Schools, 4 Relief Societies, 4 Mutual Improvement Associations and 4 Primary Associations. The total membership for the district consists of 302 souls. Of this number there are 8 Elders, 8 Priests, 9 Teachers and 22 Deacons. Since the last conference there have been 6 baptisms, 133 meetings held, 35 copies of the Book of Mormon distributed, as also 694 other books and pamphlets and 51,596 gospel tracts, 144 hours spent in tracting, 3,874 hours visiting and 1,522 hours in gospel conversations.

At the evening session the many members and friends in attendance had the privilege of listening to President James H. Douglas explain how the Book of Mormon has more witnesses to its divinity than any other scriptures known to mankind. Sister Ruby Cook of the Scunthorpe Branch sweetly rendered a vocal solo.

Patriarch James H. Wallis delivered a very inspirational address on the divinity and consistency of the Book of Mormon. This was received by the members and friends with the utmost interest.

During the conference many of the worthy saints were given their patriarchal blessings by Patriarch Wallis.

A spirited Elders' testimony meeting was held Monday morning at the Latter-day Saints' Hall, at which valuable instruction to the missionaries was given by Brother and Sister Douglas and Brother and Sister Wallis.

The following Mission Authorities and traveling Elders were present: Patriarch and Sister James H. Wallis of the European Mission; President and Sister James H. Douglas of the British Mission; President Thomas A. Lambert; President Dan L. Frodsham, and Elders Wendell W. Taylor, S. Albert Smith, Leonard N. Giles, Louis W. Meadows and Carl G. Agren, all of the Hull District; Elders Marion J. Olsen and John Bunderson of the Welsh and Portsmouth Districts respectively; Elder Percy L. Matthews of the European Mission, and Elder Dallas A. Berrett of the Bristol District.

LEONARD N. GILES, Clerk of Conference.

## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Appointment and Transfer:** April 11th, Elder Dan LeRoy Frodsham was transferred from the Leeds District to preside over the Hull District, filling the vacancy caused by the release of Elder Thomas A. Lambert.

**Release and Departure:** Elder Hyrum W. Eckersley, of the Leeds and Liverpool Districts, was honourably released from his labours in the British Mission on November 29th. He sailed for his home in America aboard the *President Roosevelt*, April 14th.

**Doings in the Districts:** *Birmingham*—Sunday evening, March 20th, the Relief Society sisters of the Dudley Port Branch held their annual conference with a pleasing and instructive program. A number of visitors were present.

March 30th, the Primary Association of the Dudley Port Branch furnished an entertaining program for the M. I. A. More than seventy people were in attendance. The children acted as missionaries in bringing their mothers out to the entertainment.

*Leeds*—Two persons were baptized by Elders A. Lee Brown and Frank J. Mozley in a service held in the Shipley Baths on March 19th. They were confirmed members of the Church at a District Union meeting, by President O. Horton Transtrum and local Elder D. C. A. Kimberley. Brother John F. Cook was the speaker at the meeting, and he gave a very inspiring genealogical lecture.

A supper and dance was held in the Halifax Branch, March 26th. A fine orchestra furnished the music for a large number of members and friends present.

*London*—The West London Branch Relief Society commemorated the anniversary of that organization by a well prepared bazaar and concert on the evening of March 23rd.

Various branches of the district presented a special Church anniversary theme in the evening Sacrament meeting of April 3rd. Assigned talks and appropriate hymns composed the program.

*Manchester*—The Relief Society and M. I. A. of the Bolton Branch of the Manchester District gave a farewell social for Elder Eric J. Seach who has been transferred to the Norwich District. The proceeds of the social went to help the worthy poor to attend Spring Conference and assist in buying new song books.

The Rochdale Branch gave an afternoon lunch on the 19th of March in commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the Relief Society.

Hyde Branch Relief Society gave a program March 17th, depicting some of the pioneer Relief Societies.

Sister Emma Bowyer's twenty-first birthday was celebrated by a dance in the Oldham Branch hall, sponsored by herself for the members of the branch.

A potatoe pie supper was tendered the Relief Society of the Manchester Branch, in honour of the Relief Society's birthday. Everyone enthusiastically supported the unique affair.

Elder Louis J. Hoggan, recently released to return home, was honoured by a farewell social in the Bury Branch. He was presented with several useful remembrances from the branch.

A baptismal service was held in the Manchester Chapel recently. Five people were baptized by Elder E. LeRoy Anderson and local Elder Arthur Fitton. They were confirmed by Elders Eugene A. Hooper, Herbert Woodhead, George E. Dale, Arthur Nock and B. W. T. Norman.

*Newcastle*—A "Co-operative" program was held in the Skelton Branch hall, Thursday, March 31st. This entertainment was presented to the public by the members of the Church, working in harmony with the social and civic workers of the town.

*Nottingham*—Eastwood Branch sponsored a social and wedding supper in their hall April 2nd, in honour of Sister Hilda Wild and Brother Sidney Allen. Seventy-five people were present.

Success marked a Priesthood social held in the Hucknall Branch, Tuesday, March 29th. Approximately seventy-five individuals patronized the affair.

*Scottish*—Four persons were baptized March 19th by Elders Carl Condie, A. Ray Curtis and local Priest Robert Clark. They were confirmed the following day by Elders David Taylor, Kenneth Wheelwright and local Elders John Hunter and Andrew McGowan. Elder David Taylor conducted the baptismal service.

Easter Monday, the Airdrie and Glasgow branches enjoyed a highly spirited outing. Refreshments were served after indulging in several lively games.

Members and friends of the Airdrie Branch centered their attentions upon a most enjoyable evening's entertainment, March 23rd, in the nature of a "Surprise Party."

Glasgow Branch Relief Society held a "Bring-and-Buy Night" March 31st. Dainty refreshments were part of the evening's interesting program,

*Sheffield*—An impressive baptismal service was held under the direction of District President Robert C. Neslen in the Sheffield Chapel on Saturday, April 2nd. Seven persons received the ordinance at the hands of Elders Ersel P. Platt, Russell S. Ellsworth and local Priest Herbert Bailey. They were confirmed members of the Church by President Robert C. Neslen and Elders H. Vernon Clegg, Russell S. Ellsworth, Herman L. Anderson, Allen N. Adams and local Elders Robert H. Briggs and George H. Bailey.

*Ulster*—Belfast Branch's Primary Association enjoyed a picnic at Helens Bay on Easter Monday. The excursion was under the supervision of Sister Lillie Templeton.

Four persons were baptized by President Merrill H. Glenn and Elder Howard F. Wood. They were confirmed by President Merrill H. Glenn and Elders Howard F. Wood, Glen F. Oliver and William H. Houston.

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**Branch Conferences:** Of the Batley Branch, Leeds District, held on March 6th. The subject, "The Breadth of 'Mormonism,'" was very successfully presented. Musical numbers and short talks contributed to the occasion. President O. Horton Transtrum and Elder Frank J. Mozley were present.

Of the Wolverhampton Branch, Birmingham District, held March 6th. The subject, "What Must I Do To Be Saved," was clearly and forcefully depicted by local members in the Sunday School session and by traveling

Elders in the evening meeting. Missionaries attending were: President Ronald L. Wilson and Elders Robert J. Smith, Louis W. Meadows and Elwood Corry.

Of the Handsworth Branch, Birmingham District, March 13th. "What the Gospel Means To Me," was beautifully presented at both morning and evening meetings. Traveling Elders in attendance were: President Ronald L. Wilson and Elder Elwood Corry.

Of the Sunderland Branch, Newcastle District, held March 20th, in the branch chapel. The theme, "Prophecy Yet Future," was presented successfully. President Cleon H. Kerr and Elder William K. Whatcott were in attendance.

Of the Kidderminster Branch, Birmingham District, was conducted on March 20th. The theme, "Miracles of Christ," was well portrayed. Miracle incidents in the life of Christ, were recited by the children, followed by a short talk on the same subject by an adult. President Ronald L. Wilson and Elder Elwood Corry were the missionaries present.

Of the Holloway Branch, London District, conducted on March 27th. The theme, "The Triumph of Truth," was treated inspiring in all three sessions. The Sunday School children and the local Priesthood presented well prepared songs and talks under the direction of Branch President Alfred J. Willmott. President Dix W. Price and Elder Blayney J. Barton attended.

Of the Leeds Branch, Leeds District, held on March 27th. The theme, "The Resurrection," was developed, the Sunday School children reciting scriptural references relating to the Saviour's resurrection. President O. Horton Transtrum and Elder Frank J. Mozley were in attendance.

Of the Sparkbrook Branch, held on March 27th. Friends and members enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord at both sessions. At the morning meeting the Sunday School children enacted a little drama based on two of Christ's parables relative to His second coming. Missionaries present were: President Ronald L. Wilson and Elder Elwood Corry.

Of the Dudley Port Branch, Birmingham District, was held on April 3rd. The subject treated was, "Jesus the Christ." President Ronald L. Wilson and Elders Elwood Corry, Wayne B. Lake, Abner W. Snarr and Joseph H. Chapman were in attendance.

Of the Belfast Branch, Ulster District, was held on April 3rd. Many faith-building testimonies were borne and a beautiful program arranged. Seventy members and friends were in attendance, including President Merrill H. Glenn, and Elders Howard F. Wood, Glen F. Oliver and William R. Houston.

Of the Edinburgh Branch, Scottish District, was convened April 3rd. The subject dealt with was "The Restoration." Missionaries in attendance were President A. Ray Curtis and Elders LeGrand Sharp and John E. Owens.

Of the Ipswich Branch, Norwich District, was conducted April 3rd. A well arranged program was presented, consisting of appropriate music, readings and speaking. Missionaries in attendance were President Elman T. Woodfield, and Elders W. Cleon Skousen and T. Taylor Cannon.

Of the Clayton Branch, Leeds District, was held April 3rd. "The Organization of the Church" was used as an appropriate motif. In at-

tendance were President O. Horton Transtrum and Elder A. Lee Brown.

Of the Hexham Branch, Newcastle District, was held on April 3rd. The services were highly successful and well attended. President Cleon H. Kerr and Elder Delwin M. Clawson were in attendance.

Of the Bradford Branch, Leeds District, was conducted on April 10th. The interesting program included readings and poems by the younger members of the branch. President O. Horton Transtrum and Elders A. Lee Brown, Frank J. Mozley and Raphael C. Palfreyman were in attendance.

Of the Cardiff Branch, Welsh District, was held on April 10th. A large number of friends and members assembled and heard Professor Edwin M. Rowe and President Donald K. Ipson point out the bearing of the Gospel on present day problems.

Of the Rawmarsh Branch, Sheffield District, was held Sunday, April 10th. The theme, "Material Benefits Derived From Keeping the Temporal Laws of God," was elaborated upon in both sessions by the local members. President Robert C. Neslen was in attendance.

Of the West London Branch, London District, was held on Sunday, April 10th. Two inspiring sessions were arranged around the theme, "Why Are We Upon the Earth?" District authorities in attendance were President Dix W. Price and Elder Blayney J. Barton.

Of the Middlesbrough Branch, Newcastle District, was held April 10th. "Be Ye Clean That Bear the Vessels of the Lord," was the theme of the day. In attendance were President Cleon H. Kerr and Elders John F. Hawkins and Henry Groom.

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## DEATHS

**CRAVEN**—Sister Mary Trevor Craven, faithful member of the Leeds Branch, Leeds District, passed away at the age of seventy-six years, on March 29th. President O. Horton Transtrum conducted the service and dedicated the grave. A memorial service for Sister Craven was held in Sacrament meeting the following Sunday.

**POOLE**—Sister Louise Poole, long-faithful member of North London Branch, London District, passed away on March 13th. The funeral services were well attended, and at the request of the deceased were conducted by Patriarch James H. Wallis. Musical selections were sweetly rendered by Brother and Sister Anastachio, and consoling remarks were made by Elder Dix W. Price and Patriarch Wallis.

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